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SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...quicker when people who committed the same offenses serve different times based on changes, based on whim by the Legislature. We should not do this. We're in the midst, I know, of a political clamoring for people to be tough on crime, but you will notice that is even moderating now. The buzz words are to change welfare, to do away with unfunded federal mandates and only in backwater Legislatures are people and misguided governors talking about you've got to be strong on crime so skew the whole system. This is not a good amendment. I hope that this part of it will be defeated, then when we get to the underlying portion of those mandatory. .

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we'll do the same.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, to close on this portion of the amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I believe, Mr. Speaker, Senator Chambers is on his way up with an amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: If that's acceptable to you, okay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, it's the one that we've been discussing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: See if I ever offer to let you close again. Senator Chambers, on your amendment. (FA247 appears on page 2338 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay had given me time because he was trying to work on drafting this amendment. It's up in the bill drafters' office to be put in appropriate form but it's up there and I can explain what the purpose of it is. The part of the committee amendment which we're currently dealing with would create that 25-year mandatory minimum sentence if a person has the habitual criminal statute invoked. What this amendment is designed to do...and I'm going to state what it's designed to do rather than try to state it in the language of the amendment. When we get it drafted we will hand it around. If motor vehicular homicide,